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Pop-science educator Bill Nye to discuss connection between science, society during his talk in Ottawa on March 14

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Gatineau police arrest a 30-year-old man who barricaded himself in a home at 350 Champlain St. for nearly four hours in the Hull sector after allegedly breaking into a nearby home on Tuesday morning. Police said the man fled to the home after he and another person broke into a house on Notre-Damede-L'lle Street and found the house occupied. Police said the man is expected to be charged with breaking-and-entering and could face other charges. No description was given for the second suspect. The investigation is ongoing. See metronews.ca for more on the story. JOE LOFARO/METRO

NDP MP hopes to hang up cellphone theft

New law? Pricey phones a tempting target for thieves with hacking skills: MP



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The large market for stolen cellphones will "dry up" if a new law passes making it illegal to hack the serial number in each device, NDP MP Mike Sullivan said on Tuesday as he tabled a bill on the issue.

"It's a huge problem. Eighty-five per cent of the street crime in 12 Division in my riding is the theft of cellphones and other devices," said Sullivan. "I call on the federal government to adopt this bill because it would make our streets safer.

"People who have upgraded to the latest iPhone are an immediate target," added Sullivan, who represents the riding of York South-Weston in Toronto.

Students at a high school in his riding, he said, have been marks for criminals to the point where police had to advise them on routes home and set up extra patrols around the school.

The law would combine with a new database that carriers such as Rogers, Bell and Telus have created to track the serial numbers of stolen phones, blocking them from reactivation by another company after being resold.

"With the database, all the carriers are going to be interconnected," said Marc Choma, director of communications for the Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association, Reported stolen

69,210

In 2012, 69,210 cellphones were reported stolen in Canada, not to mention the 193,794 reported missing.

the coalition of service providers overseeing the project. "When we started the database, we called on the government to make legislation around serial numbers."

The database is to launch in September. Choma explained when a phone is activated with a SIM card, it requests access to a network using its serial number. Sophisticated thieves can hack the serial number, so a stolen phone won't be detected.

Minister of Industry Christian Paradis did not respond to a request for comment Tuesday.



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Out in the open

Public should have access to councillors' records: Mayor

Mayor Jim Watson said he favours ending an exemption that prevents the public from requesting councillors' records under Ontario's freedom of information law.

Speaking to reporters Tuesday, Watson said he would have "no problem" with including councillors under the legislation, which allows members of the public and the media to request things like emails, presentations and memos.

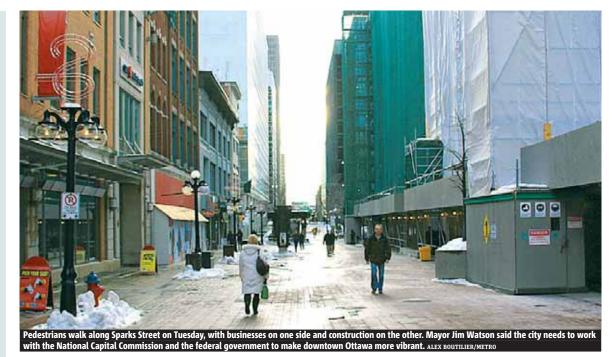
"My office is covered under access to information, other public servants are, so I would see no difficulty in having that apply to everyone equally," said Watson, a former minister of municipal affairs.

Watson was responding to news that Toronto city council will debate a motion to make city councillors' records accessible under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, a 23-year-old piece of legislation governing access to information in Ontario.

According to the
Toronto Star, a request
for information from that
newspaper was denied on
the basis that councillors,
unlike thousands of public
servants, are not employees
of the city.

Ottawa City Hall has taken a number of steps in the name of transparency, including developing a lobbyist registry that allows citizens to see what companies are lobbying which councillors and city staffers on issues such as urban planning and city services.

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Watson wants to see city's core spruced up

Vacancy. Mayor says city needs to work with National Capital Commission, feds on vacant buildings



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Ottawa's sleepy core needs sprucing up, Mayor Jim Watson acknowledged Tuesday, but he added he's generally more "upbeat on the downtown" than some.

"I think there's some great aspects to our downtown that

you're not going to see in any other city," Watson told reporters on Tuesday. "Obviously, the parliamentary precinct is one; I think there's some great character along Metcalfe Street. But there are some buildings that are not particularly attractive and there are some streets that need better streetscaping."

Watson was speaking a day after a number of councillors on the city's transportation committee bemoaned the lack of vibrancy in the downtown. Those councillors approved a \$575,000 framework — Downtown Moves — to try and harness opportunities connected to the new Confederation

Line at a Monday meeting, but warned it will take more than pretty streets to bring people into the centre of Canada's capital.

The mayor has been critical in the past of federal buildings sitting vacant along Wellington Street. Watson said he's meeting with Heritage Minister James Moore on Wednesday on his idea to turn the old U.S. Embassy building into a showcase of Canadian history.

"The U.S. Embassy is vacant, it has been for a decade, you see the NCC tourism kiosk is back being vacant, the Bank of Montreal building will not be a public building, the train station just down from the Château Laurier is not open and accessible to the public," Watson said. "The federal government has some work to do along that stretch."

The need to spruce up parts of the downtown takes on a greater urgency, Watson said, as the country looks forward to its 150th anniversary in 2017.

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AA baseball. News could be weeks away: Mayor

For it's one! two! three weeks to wait!

That's how long it will take to hear news on a future AA baseball franchise, according to Mayor Jim Watson.

Watson declined to go into detail on a series of meetings about the team. He said he was briefed two weeks ago, but had nothing to report as of Tuesday morning.

'My desire is to see that the stadium is going to be well used. We invested a lot in that," Watson told reporters. "We're working very hard to find a franchise that's going to fit, but at the end of the day these negotiations are taking longer than I would have liked because there's so many different moving

Watson said he's found the meetings he's been privy to "quite fascinating" due to the number of interesting ideas

Haters of winter, rejoice.

The Weather Network re-

leased its spring 2013 outlook

Tuesday and is calling for

above-normal temperatures

in the Ottawa area for the

months of March, April and

for the overall experience of attending a baseball game, including types of concessions and other entertainment.

"We have to square that with what means we have to fund these things, and that's part of the negotiation process," Watson said.

Watson first announced an agreement in principal with Beacon Sports Capital Partners to renovate the aging Ottawa Stadium - a \$10-million project — in September of last year. The partnership was expected to bring an Eastern League team to the nation's capital in time for the 2014 season.

By November, it was apparent negotiations were taking longer than originally anticipated. On Nov. 27, Watson's office announced talks would extend into the "early part" of 2013.

April and May hover around

2 C, 10 to 11 C, and 19 to 20 C, respectively. The Weather

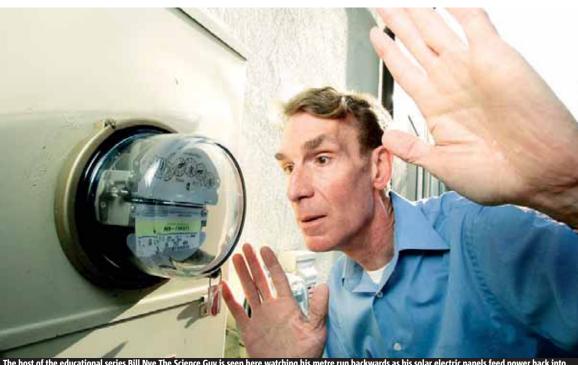
forecast. The outlook for Ot-

tawa resembles that of most of

southern and eastern Ontario.

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The host of the educational series Bill Nye The Science Guy is seen here watching his metre run backwards as his solar electric panels feed power back into the grid at his home. Nye is slated to visit Ottawa for a talk March 14. REED SAXON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/FILE

Blast from the past! Bill Nye to give talk

Network is predicting temperatures to be slightly above The science guy. those averages.

Exposure to science As for precipitation, Ressler 'fundamental' for young people, say speech organizers

> **GRAHAM** LANKTRFF

on the lips of children of the

'90s as pop-science educator Bill Nye talks about issues in the field during a visit to the Convention Centre midmonth.

The great thing about Bill is that he presents things in a way that everyone can understand," said Emery White, a biochemistry major and VP of the Science Students' Association at the University of Ottawa, the group bringing Nye to the capital. "As a kid, whether seeing his show at home or in class, he got me interested in science."

Famous for his PBS children's show Bill Nye the Science Guy, Nye is set to appear on March 14 as part of the association's speaker series Science, Technology and Society. There, he will discuss the idea that science is an evolving process that has made its way to every aspect of society, White said.

"A lot of people see science as a bunch of established laws and theories. We really want to get that mes-

sage out that science is all around us.'

White said that in watching Nye in the '90s he was inspired to pursue his own path and now has a keen interest in virology. "Viruses are being used to kill cancer cells now," White said.
"There's amazing research being done at Ottawa U.

'Ŏn a personal level, I want to ask him what his motives were for going into science," White said. "He's a brilliant guy, clearly."

says we can expect near-nor-But don't expect the heat mal amounts of rain or snow. wave that brought 20 C tem-"It's kind of an equal peratures to the region last chance of being above normal or below normal in terms of March to make a comeback, precipitation," she said, addmeteorologist Gina ing that precipitation outlook Ressler. is generally more unpredict-"That was very much above able than the temperature

Sunny skies ahead. The Weather Network calls for

warmer spring in Ottawa

normal and really an exception," said Ressler. "I think it's going to be a gradual kind of

increase in temperatures." The averages for March, Sssscience! will be the word

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Steve Dery may have a police funeral in Ottawa

Ottawa police are in talks with the family of a Kativik Regional Police officer from Ottawa who was killed in the line of duty in northern Quebec Sunday. They want to arrange a police funeral in Ottawa.

Steve Dery, 27, was killed when he and his partner responded to a home in Kuujjuag for a domestic dispute.

Dery grew up in Orleans

Family decision

• His family is still deciding when and where to have the funeral, police said Tuesday.

before moving to up north to serve the Kativik Regional

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VP named interim president following Chavez's death

Venezuela. With the passing of President Hugo Chavez the country's foreign minister says Vice-President Nicolas Maduro will take over, with elections to be called within 30 days

Venezuela's foreign minister says Vice-President Nicolas Maduro will serve as interim president in the wake of Hugo Chavez's death and that elections will be called within 30 days.

Foreign Minister Elias Jaua also told the Telesur network that Maduro would be the candidate of the governing socialist party.

It was not immediately clear when elections would actually be held.

The government said Chavez died Tuesday after a nearly two-year bout with cancer.

Hundreds of anguished Venezuelans poured into the streets of downtown Caracas crying, hugging each other and shouting slogans in support of Chavez after learning of his death Tuesday.

Clusters of women with tears streaming down their faces clung to each other and wept near the Miraflores presidential palace.

Nearby, men with grim and sombre faces pumped their arms in the air while shouting "Long live Chavez! Long live Chavismo!" THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Canadian reaction

As Chavez, 58, finally succumbed Tuesday to the cancer that he had been fighting for nearly two years, Prime Minister Stephen Harper spoke out about the death.

- Harper said that he looked forward "to working with (Chavez's) successor and other leaders in the region to build a hemisphere that is more prosperous, secure and democratic."
- The prime minister in a statement said: "I hope the people of Venezuela can now build for themselves a better, brighter future based on the principles of freedom, democracy, human rights." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Supporters of Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez react after the vice-president announced Chavez's death in downtown Caracas, Venezuela, on Tuesday, FERNANDO LLANGTHE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Family feuds over gun remarks made by Pistorius' dad

A public feud erupted Tuesday within the family of Oscar Pistorius, the double-amputee Olympian charged with murdering his girlfriend, as the runner and his relatives distanced themselves from comments his father reportedly made about guns and crime in South Africa.

South Africa's ruling party, the African National Congress, also waded into the family dispute. A spokesman for the party accused Henke Pistorius, the runner's father, of racism for his observations reported in British newspapers about crime against white South Africans and the suggestion that the ANC government isn't adequately protecting them.

The Pistorius family and the reputation management firm it has hired are working to head off any negative publicity or controversy that might possibly have a bearing on the outcome of the runner's case, which could see him jailed for life if convicted of premeditated murder.

They quickly issued a statement early Tuesday morning saying the family "is deeply concerned" about the father's



interview that "doesn't represent the views of Oscar or the rest of the Pistorius family."

during his bail hearing in February.

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The Telegraph and Mirror newspapers quoted Henke Pistorius as saying the family owns handguns for self-defence. That is not unusual in South Africa.

Two years ago, Police Minister Nkosinathi Emmanuel Mthethwa said the country of 49 million people had 1.7 million registered firearm owners holding 2.9 million guns.

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New laws under fire

Former drug chiefs urge U.S. to nullify 2 states' legal marijuana

Eight former U.S. drug chiefs warned the federal government Tuesday that time is running out to nullify Colorado and Washington's new laws legalizing recreational marijuana use, and a United Nations agency also urged challenges to the measures it says violate international treaties.

Warning issued

Palestinians could face 'consequences' for pursing Israel at the UN: Baird

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird has told a powerful pro-Israel lobby that Palestinians will feel "consequences" from Canada if they pursue the Jewish state at the International Criminal Court.

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U.S.-led sanctions

North Korea vows to cancel Korean War ceasefire

North Korea vowed Tuesday to cancel the 1953 ceasefire that ended the Korean War, citing a U.S.-led push for punishing U.N. sanctions over its recent nuclear test and ongoing U.S.-South Korean joint military drills. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Picking the next pope

Vatican still waiting for 5 cardinals for conclave

The Sistine Chapel closed to visitors on Tuesday and construction work got under way to prepare it for the conclave that will choose the next pope, but five cardinals had yet to arrive for the preparatory meetings designed to acquaint themselves with one another and discuss the state of the Catholic Church.

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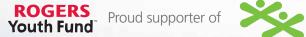


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Snowing cats and dogs in United States

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Politicians keep up blitz for Keystone XL pipeline approval

U.S. trips. Minister of natural resources and Sask. premier make their pitches stateside

Less than a week after the U.S. State Department all but dismissed the climate concerns dogging TransCanada's Keystone XL pipeline, two high-profile Canadian politicians headed stateside Tuesday to push once again for approval.

The pitch from Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver contained a nugget of news for his audience as he assured them that long-awaited federal regulations on Canada's oil-and-gas sector were on the horizon.

"Once the federal regulations are in place, Canada will be one of a very few oil producers in the world with national binding regulations on its oiland-gas sector," he said in his pitch to the Chicago Council on Global Affairs.

Oliver's comments came shortly after his colleague, Environment Minister Peter Kent, said the government is



aiming to have those federal regulations ready by mid-year.

The new rules would seek to curb the sector's greenhouse emissions in order for Canada to meet a 2020 target for a 17 per cent overall cut. Rules are already set for the transportation and coal-fired electricity industries, but they only take Canada halfway to the goal.

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall, meanwhile, began a four-day visit to the U.S. capital that includes meetings with several top officials, including an assistant secretary of state on international environmental affairs and the majority leader of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Wall, too, will urge Americans to approve the pipeline. But he'll also tout his province's green initiatives, in particular its recent \$1.4-billion investment in a clean-coal project in Estevan, Sask.

"That's about \$1,400 per man, woman and child," Wall said last week. "I'm not sure of another jurisdiction in North America that can make that claim." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada chairs Holocaust Remembrance Alliance

Canada has assumed chairmanship of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, a body composed of government officials and experts from 31 nations.

The alliance is devoted to fostering and promoting Holocaust education, remembrance and research around the world.

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney attended a ceremony in Berlin on Tuesday in which Belgium handed over the chairmanship to Canada, which will now hold that position until March 2014.

Each year, the alliance nominates a member country to assume leadership of the organization.

Canada became actively involved with the alliance in 2007 and became a full member in 2009.

The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Conference will be held in Toronto in October

"Our government believes it is critically important to be engaged in efforts to teach future generations the lessons of the Holocaust and help prevent future acts of genocide," said Kenney.

"The Holocaust stands alone in the annals of human evil and has important lessons to teach all of us — universal lessons that must not be forgotten." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vancouver

Sex-trade worker tied up, dragged behind van

Vancouver police are hunting for a man suspected of beating a sex-trade worker who was tied up and dragged by a van.

Police say a 42-year-old woman was picked up in the Downtown Eastside and driven to a secluded area, where she was attacked.

Several 911 callers then reported seeing her dragged down the street before she managed to partially free herself and jump from the moving van.

Police conducted an

extensive search, but were unable to locate the suspect, who police say may have an Australian accent.

His vehicle is described as a white panel van with roof racks.

The woman remains in hospital, where she is recovering from a head injury and extensive abrasions.

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Kabul. U.S.-led coalition will no longer publish Taliban attack figures

The U.S.-led military command in Afghanistan will no longer count and publish the number of Taliban attacks, a statistical measure that it once touted as a gauge of U.S. and allied success but now dismisses as flawed.

The move comes one week after the coalition, known as the International Security Assistance Force, acknowledged in response to inquiries by The Associated Press that it had incorrectly reported a seven per cent drop in Taliban attacks

Artistic director burned

Star dancer among those arrested in **Bolshoi acid attack**

Russian police said Tuesday they arrested three men in the acid attack that nearly blinded the artistic director of the Bolshoi ballet, including a star dancer suspected

The mistake, attributed by ISAF officials to a clerical error, called into question the validity of repeated statements by allied of-ficials that the Taliban was in steep decline.

in 2012 compared to 2011. In fact, there was no decline at all, ISAF officials now say.

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of masterminding the plot.

Sergei Filin was left with severe burns to his eyes and face when a masked attacker threw a jar of sulfuric acid in his face as he returned home late on Jan. 17.

Interior Ministry spokesman Anatoly Lastovetsky said Bolshoi soloist Pavel Dmitrichenko is suspected of planning the attack. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Museum returns painting sold in escape from Nazis



nting The Virgin with Child. The Stuttgart museum has returned estate of Jewish art dealer Max Stern, who was forced to sell his

Art dealer settled in Montreal. 600-year-old painting turned over by German gallery at ceremony at Canadian Embassy in Berlin

A German museum has returned a 600-year-old painting to the estate of a Jewish art dealer who was forced to flee the Nazis before later becoming a success in the Canadian art world.

Max Stern's family once ran one of the most prominent art galleries in Germany, but was forced to sell it in 1937 and leave the country.

Eventually, Stern settled in Montreal and began the long process of rebuilding the art business begun by his father and seeking the return of the paintings.

The oil painting The Virgin with Child, attributed to the Master of Flemalle — an unidentified Flemish artist from the early 1400s - was turned over by the Staatsgalerie Stuttgart at a ceremony Tuesday at the Canadian Embassy in Berlin.

The painting was sold by the Stern family in order to obtain an exit permit for Max Stern's mother to leave Germany.

It is one of 10 pieces from their original collection that have now been returned to his estate, overseen by Concordia University in Montreal since Stern's death in

"With more than 400 paintings yet to be recovered, the most immediate challenge lies in encouraging a number of other museums currently in possession of Stern paintings to follow the lead of the Staatsgalerie," Alan Shepard, president of Concordia University, said in a statement Tuesday.

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Target's here, but the price isn't always right

Doubtful discounts.

Shoppers at three new Ontario stores find the savings don't match what's on offer in U.S.

The long-awaited arrival of U.S. discount giant Target means Canadians can now get their hands on the famed bull's-eye brand's wares without crossing the border — though the savings here might not equal those down south.

The retail chain, which opened its doors on Tuesday in three communities west of Toronto, has said Canadian customers will likely see a difference in pricing compared to items carried in its U.S. stores, with the company focused on being "competitively priced" with retailers in Canada.

A spokeswoman for Target Canada couldn't say exactly how that will play out on shelves in the newly launched Ontario stores in Guelph, Fergus and



Milton or the dozens more locations the company expects to open across the country.

Pricing depends on a number of factors and it's difficult to give case-by-case examples or even narrow it down to categories of products more likely to warrant higher prices, Lisa Gibson said on Tuesday.

"In certain cases, the prices will actually be completely on par with U.S. prices and in some cases there might be some differences, but ... our overall goal is to make sure we're competitive with the marketplace," she said, adding the company is also bringing in a five per cent reward program from the U.S.

At the Guelph store, a 2.95-litre bottle of Tide laundry detergent was priced at \$15.99 Tuesday, compared with \$11.99 US on Target's American website. The same product was listed for \$15.99 on the Canadian Tire site. The canadian press



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Debit-card fraud drops

Interac Association says Interac debit-card fraud losses as a result of skimming are at their lowest level on record since 2003 — falling to \$38.5 million in 2012 from a high of \$142 million in 2009. Caroline Hubberstey, the head of external communications for Interac Association, says the ongoing conversion to chip technology is a vital tactic in fraud prevention. Unlike a magnetic stripe, she says, chip technology is extremely difficult to copy and reproduce. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dow wows. Stock index surges past all-time high

The Dow Jones industrial average closed at a record on Tuesday, beating the previous high it set in October 2007, before the financial crisis and the Great Recession.

The index rose 126 points, or one per cent, to 14,253, beating its previous record by 89 points. In fact, it is up nearly nine per cent this year, capping a remarkable comeback.

doubled since falling to a low

ing the financial crisis and the Great Recession. Stocks have rebounded sharply since then with the help of a large dose of stimulus from the Federal Reserve, even as the economic recovery has been slow and

steady rather than spectacular.
"Whether they want to admit it or not, everyone is very impressed with the resilience of the market," said Alec Young, a global equity strat-

The Dow has more than egist at S&P Capital IQ. of 6,547 in March 2009 follow-THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Retailer dispute. Martha takes the stand once more

Eight years after Martha Stewart was released from prison for lying about a stock trade, the home diva is now facing another legal mess that may not be easy to clean up.

Stewart, 71, took the stand in New York State Supreme Court on Tuesday morning. She is at the centre of a bitter legal battle between two of America's largest retailers - Macy's Inc. and J.C. Penney Co.

Macy's sued the media and merchandising company Stewart founded for breaching an exclusive contract when she signed a deal with Penney in

December 2011 to open shops at most of its stores this spring.

Macy's, which has sold Martha Stewart products, including towels and pots, since 2007, is trying to block Penney from selling those products.

The trial is clearly more than a contract dispute. It's a courtroom drama that's unfolding about disloyalty and greed.

Testimony has portrayed Stewart as someone who turned her back on her good friend and Macy's CEO Terry Lundgren so she could enrich her company.

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Baggage restrictions

WestJet cuts carry-on limit

WestJet plans to reduce how much its passengers carry on, a move the airline says will make its increasingly full Boeing 737s less crowded and help align its baggage rules with those of other airlines.

After April 4, travellers will be allowed only one piece of carry-on luggage and one personal item. The airline had previously allowed passengers to bring two carry-on items and a personal item.

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Marketing faux pas

Kia Provo recalls the Troubles

Kia's new concept car, Provo, is designed to provoke comment. But to many across Ireland, the name sounds too much like a celebration of terrorism.

Lawmakers from Northern Ireland formally appealed on Tuesday for the carmaker to junk the name of its planned supermini sports coupe because "Provo" is the nickname for the dominant branch of the outlawed Irish Republican Army, the Provisional IRA. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Food safety

China destroys Ikea cake

Chinese authorities have destroyed nearly two tonnes of chocolate cake imported by Ikea for violating foodquality standards. The Shanghai quarantine bureau said Kraft cream cheese and 2.7 tons of Nestle chocolate bars also were among dozens of imported products destroyed in its latest inspections. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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DO PRICEY JEANS COME WITH DEEP POCKETS?

During a recent trip to Montreal, I found myself engaged in a fascinating discussion with a 30-year-old metrosexual male who was passionately extolling the virtues of the \$450 pair of jeans he wore.

Now, I'm not one to dismiss the importance of personal style and presentation, but if I were Forrest Gump, I'd say, "I've worn lots o' jeans." While I can easily recognize an obvious difference in quality, I saw nothing that great in this particular pair.

I admitted to having owned a few pair of jeans for which I paid too much, even on sale. But I have never found them to improve as much with time as I've been told a good pair should.

Furthermore, \$450 is not the most shocking price tag around. It seems that even Ye Olde Levi's Shoppe now

produces a hand-sewn, heavy-denim product that

Apparently, these magical pants will create the illusion that



Mike Benhaim

Guest columnist

even the oddest-shaped individual is actually fit.

Keeping an open mind, I began to pay attention to brand-name jeans, such as Diesel and 7 For All Mankind, that ranged between \$350 and \$900. Yeah, you heard me! And that's nothing.

APO Jeans will sell you a custom product with pockets lined in pure silk, a perfectly polished silver zipper and a real diamond button for \$4,000!

Why do I get the feeling there's a Kardashian behind this somewhere?

People of Earth, I beg you: For the sake of the

children, "Stop the madness!"

They're jeans!

Jeans were meant to be comfortable and casual. The coolest ones are faded and frayed at the edges. They've been worn out in all the right places and can be passed on to someone else when your ass grows out of them.

Sure, you should expect to pay more now than you did in the '80s, but please.

There are plenty of good-quality, excellent-fitting jeans avail-

able for under \$100, and if you think they make you look fat then - you're fat! Work on that instead of putting all the pressure on

Now, I can always forgive the feminine whimsy (within reason) if the result is extraordinary, but men: I speak on behalf of guys more and less macho than myself when I suggest finding a pair of jeans that feel good and spending \$20 getting them altered to your liking. That's it.

If your girlfriend wants to play dress-up with you, as some women will do, and buys you a pair of the ol' rhinestone cowgirls, return them for a cheaper pair and buy her a very nice dinner with the change. If you don't, you'll be scheduled the next day for a mani-pedi and full-body manscaping that sounds much nicer

Now, I can hardly wait for all the stylish clubgoers I've offended to tweet the cheap out of me, but I ask that the rest of you

find this online and tell me where you buy YOUR jeans and how much you pay for

Just sayin'.



Read more of Just Sayin' at metronews.ca

ZOOM

Sally the camel had 1 maple leaf



MARTIN LIPMAN/CANADIAN MUSEUM OF NATURE/HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fossils offer climate clues

Dr. Natalia Rybczynski examines the fossil bones of the High Arctic camel laid out in a lab at the Canadian Museum of Nature.

The fossil evidence consists of about 30 bone fragments, which together form part of a limb bone of a camel. Found on Ellesmere Island, Nunavut, this is the northernmost discovery of camels in the Arctic, about 1,200

kilometres further north than the Yukon camel. The camel lived about three and a half million years ago, when the region supported a boreal-type forest

Back when this camel was browsing leaves and shoots, the entire global climate averaged about two or three degrees warmer than it is now.

That's about as much a difference as scientists say the Earth can undergo today without catastrophic changes. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Clickbait

What was the worst hashtag fail so far? We'll let you be the judge.

#susanalbumparty

In November 2012, the PR team behind Britain's Susan Boyle was relentlessly mocked for their use of the 'susanalbumparty' hashtag.

#RIMjobs

In what will likely stand as the greatest Canadian hashtag fail. the company formerly known as Research in Motion chose to court prospective employees via the 'RIMjobs' hashtag.

#McDstories

Last year, McDonald's asked its customers to share memories of dining at the fast-food joint via a 'McDstories' hashtag. Sooner than you could say 'happy meal,' the tag was flooded with accounts of finding fingernails in Big Macs and other sordid stories.

#Rogers1Number

In another Canadian example, Rogers paid Twitter to keep the 'Rogers1Number' tag atop the site's list of trending topics last March. Of course, the hashtag allowed customers to publicize their complaints about poor service and perceived price-gouging.

#Hobbitch

Earlier this year, a Swiss company used the 'Hobbitch' hashtag to promote the latest installment in the Lord of the Rings movie franchise. It's a case of lost in translation, as .ch is the official domain name for Switzerland.

Letters

It seems to me that it's mainly lawyers who get involved in most civic-related areas. Not that it's bad to have the legal profession represented in any group, but, as you make the point, often a more diverse group could produce more creative, progressive and constructive outcomes. I think this is particularly true of the transit commission.

Lawyers have very specific training in matters of the law but nothing to do with moving objects through space and the optimization of such. Most people don't realize that there is a great similarity to

organizing a network of passengers on buses/trains and the Internet. The Internet operates by moving packets of data bytes from one place to another. I feel that this type of knowledge and expertise could be applied to the transit system, even in a small degree, to really improve its routing and service.

I have observed, over the years, that all that happens with transit in Ottawa is semi-annual tweaking of routes, which does little to improve the system except by saving some money and traumatizing/ inconveniencing many transit users.

Irene Shumada, Ottawa

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A century of Oz-inspired entertainment



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When New Girl star Zooey Deschanel was two years old she watched The Wizard of Oz every day. "I had a hard time understanding that I couldn't go into the film," she said, "because it felt so real to me."

She's not alone. It is one of the most watched and universally adored Hollywood films ever.

This weekend Disney hopes to add to the legacy of the original film with Oz the Great and Powerful, a Sam Raimi directed prequel starring James Franco and Mila Kunis. Ever wondered why the wicked witch was so wicked? Or how the wizard became the wizard? With a click of its ruby slippers this movie fills in the blanks. It's not the first movie to try and woo an audience based on Oz and its citizens.

1910's The Wonderful Wizard of Oz was the first Baum book to hit the screen. Almost seven decades later, two very different musicals were inspired by the Oz folks.

20th Century Oz is a 1976 Australian rock musical that reimagines the classic story set in 1970s Australia. Two years later director Sidney Lumet adapted the Broadway hit The Wiz for the screen, casting Motown superstars Diana Ross as Dorothy and Michael Jackson as The Scarecrow. Although it was, at the time, the most expensive film musical ever made, it wasn't a hit in theatres.



Oz prequel brings Braff back to a 'magical place'

Oz the Great and Powerful. Director Sam
Raimi 'at his finest' says
the former Scrubs star

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Years ago I asked one of the original Wizard of Oz munchkins to explain the movie's enduring appeal.

"Everybody can enjoy it," said Karl Slover who was just two feet tall when he played the first trumpeter. "There's no filthy language in it. I don't see no bikinis! No nudist colonies! Kids can watch it and parents don't have to worry because there's nothing bad in

there."

I recently asked Zach Braff the same question in an interview to promote Oz the Great and Powerful, a prequel to the most beloved movie of all time.

"It reminds us of our childhood," says the former Scrubs star, "and it reminds us of this magical place where crazy things happen. It is innocent and it is pure and it is amazing that it holds up. It was made in 1939, most kids don't see other movies made in 1939."

The new flick, co-staring James Franco, Mila Kunis, Rachel Weisz and Michelle Wiliams, is a state-of-the-art film, but it's something that has been gestating for some time.

"I heard that Walt Disney always wanted to make an Oz

movie," he says. "There's 13 books, so why not go back to that world and tell it from a 2013 perspective."

The new film echoes the

original, starting with black

and white scenes shot in Kansas before moving to the eyepopping fantasy world of Oz. The movie's modern twist is the addition of high tech tricks to make your eyes and ears dance. Braff calls the film's visual and audio tweaks — increasing the depth of the 3D and adding in surround sound for the Oz scenes, for

"Sam

Raimi at his finest." Raimi, the director behind the Evil

example —

Dead movies and a little franchise called Spider-Man, was the big reason Braff signed on to the project.

"I heard Sam wanted to meet me in his office. That's a good call to get."

Braff, who made his directorial debut on the 2004 indie film Garden State, calls Raimi a "wonderful mentor who let me watch this whole process." Even on his days off the actor would go to the set to learn about big budget filmmaking

from watching the old pro work on Oz's enormous sets.

"Sam's the biggest mensch on earth. The guy's a saint. He's too good to be true."

Billy Corgan: a professional wrestler?

Billy Corgan might be best known as the frontman for The Smashing Pumpkins. But recently, he's been dabbling in his other passion, professional wrestling.

Fans got a little peek into Corgan's wrestling endeavours through an ad for Chicago furniture store Walter E. Smithe called Billy Corgan's Musical Chairs. The commercial also features some of the wrestlers from Resistance Pro, a professional wrestling promotion company that Corgan started, as well as the singer himself.

Tim Smithe, the chief marketing officer for Walter E. Smithe, came up with the idea for the ad with his brothers. He was confident he could get Corgan to sign on, even though he realized getting the Smashing Pumpkins star was a "long shot."

"I know a 'second cousin' of Billy, and tried that angle a few years ago, and it went nowhere," he admitted to Metro World News.

It wasn't until Smithe and Corgan met on Mancow, a talk show in Chicago, that he was

Billy Corgan, right, steps into the ring. HANDOUT

able to make his pitch in person.

"There was good, simple chemistry right away, and one thing lead to another during the commercial break," Smithe

said.

"And then a few days later, someone from his staff called and said Billy is ready to 'let the wrestling begin.' My brothers and I were thrilled."

See online

Watch The Smashing Pumpkins frontman try his talents in the ring, online at metronews.ca



Smithe said that Corgan was "chill, intelligent and confident" during the shoot.

"On the set he was down to earth, light-hearted, and loves his wrestling team from the bottom of his heart," Smithe said metronews.ca
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Bieber gets booed in London

Justin Bieber's troublesome stay in London continued this week when he got a late start at his first show at the O2 Arena, courting boos from an angry, impatient audience, according to the BBC. "I never have any intent to upset or let anyone down, and I'm not OK with things being

exaggerated," Bieber tweeted after the show. "Last night I was scheduled after three opening acts to go on stage at 9:35, not 8:30, but because of some technical issues i got on at 10:10, so I was 40 minutes late to [the] stage. There is no excuse for that and I apologize for anyone we upset."



Hilaria Baldwin won't be going for Massimo

Alec Baldwin's new wife, Hilaria Baldwin, is over the moon about being pregnant with the couple's first child, but she's learning already that there are some areas where she and her famous husband

famous husband don't see eye to eye — like when



it comes to potential baby names. "(Alec) had the idea for Massimo the other day," Hilaria tells Rachael Ray during a visit to her television show. "That's a very big name for a little baby." She'd rather wait until the tyke arrives before settling on something.





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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES



Swift: Back up those rumours, people

Taylor Swift has some news for everyone keeping track of her love life. "If you want some big revelation, since 2010 I have dated exactly two people," she tells Vanity Fair, referring to high schooler Conor Kennedy and One Direction member Harry Styles. "The fact that there are slide shows of a dozen guys that I either hugged on a red carpet or met for lunch or wrote a song with, it's just kind of ridiculous."

The Word



What's going on with Kim's matwardrobe?



THE WORD

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As a woman who has grown a baby in her uterus, I know how hard it is to find good maternity clothing. So I can relate to Kim Kardashian's problem of finding a flattering pregnancy wardrobe. But I'm not sure why she's continuing to dress like she

isn't pregnant.

I'm guessing her fashion-plate boyfriend, Kanye West, has something to do with it.

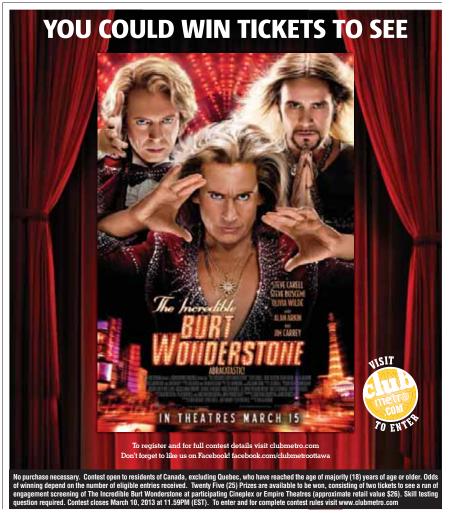
Case in point: as soon as Kardashian started to show, she decided to don this mesh-leather-feather-pants ensemble that made her resemble a motorcycle-riding ostrich. Then she wore this ill-fitting white ensemble on Saturday, which is made for a much taller, much less knocked-up person.

I'm not saying you can't look nice while pregnant. I'm just saying you should probably leave the high fashion at home.

Winslet on path of discovery

Kate Winslet says the period between her marriage to Sam Mendes — which ended in 2010 — and her December wedding with Ned Rocknroll has been a great period of self-discovery. "I've really learned a great deal about myself, in the last four years in particular," she tells Harper's Bazaar UK. "I think I can see more clearly now — about how the pattern of past experiences has shaped who I am, and the characters I have played — and I'm grateful for that. It gave so much more material to draw on for work – rubble, bricks – and I know I can carry it now.'





If you are Cuba-bound this March Break, a day trip to Havana is a must. For a true taste of this time-warped capital, be sure to visit these must-see spots.





Take a vintage car ride

The country is home to approximately 60,000 classic American automobiles that industrious Cubans have kept running since the 1959 revolution. Although a very walkable city, an hour long tour is a great way to get oriented. Ask the driver to cruise along the Malecon, an eight kilometre boulevard stretching alongside the Atlantic Ocean. Either arrange in advance through Gran Car or find a driver in Parque Central.



Hot spots in Havana

Hang out in Parque Central

The buzz created by masses of Cubans and tourists passing through the park is infectious. The building housing the Cuban National Ballet is stunning. And no visit is complete without a photo in front of the Capitolio Nacional. It was completed in 1929 as a tribute to its sister building in Washington, D.C.



Soak up the atmosphere of a retro hotel

Built on a hill above the Malecon, the grand Hotel Nacionale's 1930s tiled lobby and colonnaded veranda looking out to the sea is right out of a movie. The heart of Old Havana is sprinkled with smaller hotels, like Hotel Raquel, which have painstakingly restored their interior courtyards into an oasis of luxury. All are worth a peek.





Get a glimpse of glory at Plaza Vieja

Check out the Plaza Vieja. It has been undergoing a decade-long restoration and gives a glimpse of what Havana could look like if returned to its former glory. Make sure you also wander the narrow, congested, delightfully intriguing, cobbled surrounding streets of the old city. The UNESCO World Heritage site contains almost 1,000 buildings of historic importance.

Try a mojito, a la Hemingway

El Floridita and La Bodeguita del Medio are the two most famous ones, largely due to their affiliation with author Ernest Hemingway. Word is he preferred the daiquiris at the former and mojitos at the later. I tried both and agree. In addition to pouring over the throwback decor, the frequent appearance of live bands gives an opportunity for a taste of the vibrant Cuban music.



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Like Columbus, but with a yacht

Go wild. Taking a cruise on The Star is a great way to see some of the more untamed regions in Costa Rica

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I learned a neat trick from a Howler monkey in Costa Rica. I was walking along a nature trail in Golfito National Park when the mosquitoes decided to attack. Although I had sunscreen on, I forgot to apply bug

I noticed a monkey in the trees rubbing her arms with leaves and asked my trail guide what she was doing. He said she was coating her skin with the Piper plant. It has a citrus-like scent that the mosquitoes

dislike. Clever monkey, I'll keep that in mind.

There are many fascinating wonders in the rainforest, which is why so many travellers visit this untamed destination. During this nature walk, hummingbirds that were the size of baseballs whizzed past my head and gigantic butterflies floated innocently from fern to flower. Huge bamboo trees towered over us and delicate pink orchids were tempting to pluck.

After we reached the magnificent waterfall that was our goal and reward, we emerged from the jungle to see four yellow-breasted toucans perched in the treetops and then divebomb into the bushes.

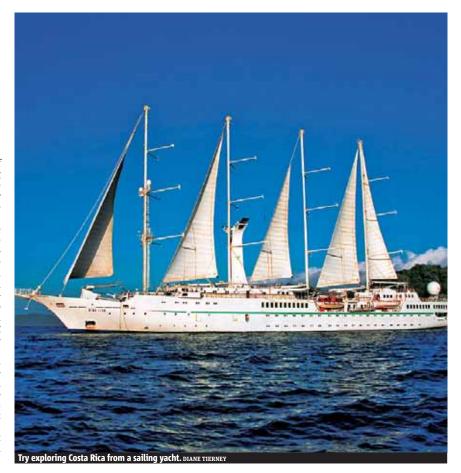
It's best to explore designated trails with a guide. Just don't be surprised if he's carrying a machete. Let him lead the way in case he sees a snake.

To visit Golfito, I sailed with

Windstar Cruises on one of their three motorized sailing yachts, called the Star. Since their ships can sail under wind power most of the time thanks to their huge masts, I thought this kind of cruise was much more appropriate for such an environmentallysensitive region. There are only 150 passengers on board the Star and the ship's small size makes off-beat ports easily accessible. Passengers also get to know each other well and it gave us all the feeling of being explorers like Columbus or Drake.

As well as Golfito, we sailed to San Blas, Panama — accessible thanks to the famous canal for being a 80-kilometre shortcut to the Pacific Ocean. This engineering marvel takes about 10 hours to pass through.

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in shallow reefs off Jamaica's north coast. Warm ocean waters have bleached out the coral, and in a cascade of ecological

ers have bleached out the coral, and in a cascade of ecological decline, the sea urchins and plant-eating reef fish have mostly vanished, replaced by snails and worms that bore through coral skeletons.

Mats of algae and seaweed have shrouded the once thick coral

Now, off the shores of Jamaica, as well as in Caribbean islands from Bonaire to St. Croix, conservationists are planting fast-growing coral species to try and turn things around by "seeding" reefs. The strategy has doubters, with one expert joking that prayer might be as effective, but conservationists say the problem is so catastrophic that inaction is not an option. According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature, live coral coverage on Caribbean reefs is down to an average of just eight per cent, from 50 per cent in



the 1970s.

Lenford Dacosta grew up in the north Jamaican fishing village of Oracabessa Bay and spear-fished the waters for most of his 46 years. Now he is part of a crew that tends to a small coral nursery in a fish sanctuary, hoping to revitalize the reef that sustained his village, whose shoreline is now dominated by ritzy resorts.

"I used to think that children would only hear about coral reefs and fish in books," said Dacosta, expressing hope that his work will yield fruit.

Seascape Caribbean, the fledgling company that employs Dacosta and touts itself as the region's first and only private coral restoration business, uses low-tech coral nurseries consisting of buoys and weights

with small fragments of staghorn coral suspended from them on strings. The fragments grow on the strings until bits of tannish coral with the beginnings of antier-like branches are ready to be planted onto reefs. Other specialists grow coral fragments on concrete pedestals placed on the seabed.

Advocates say the reef restoration work, focused on the region's fast-growing but threatened staghorn and elkhorn coral species, can boost rates of recovery and improve the outlook for coral. The efforts will never resurrect the vibrant reefs of 50 years ago, they acknowledge, but they believe they can help preserve some of a reef's functionality and beauty.

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- 0.5 oz Amaretto

Combine Wild Turkey 81, cherry-flavoured Cola and Amaretto on the rocks and garnish with a cherry.

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A Philly Cheese Steak sandwich is high in calories, fat and sodium. But if you use a top sirloin, which is lean, you'll be shocked how delicious it is at just 170 calories per serving and 8.2 grams of fat.

1. Preheat the oven to 425 F. Line a baking sheet with foil.

2. Spray non-stick skillet with cooking oil, add vegetable oil and place over medium heat. Add onions and sauté 8 mins. Add garlic, sugar, salt, pepper and bell pepper. Sauté 5 minutes. Set aside and keep warm.

3. Spray skillet with cooking oil and place over high heat. Cook steak until done to your preference, approx. 5 mins. Cool 5 mins. before cutting into

- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 cups sliced onions2 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- 2 tsp brown sugar
- 1/4 tsp salt and pepper
- 1 cup each sliced red and green bell pepper
- 8 oz grilling steak
- 2 tbsp low-fat mayo
- 3 tbsp low-fat sour cream
- 2 tsp horseradish4 small wholegrain rolls (6-inch), split
- 3/4 cup grated provolone

thin slices. Add to the veg mix.

4. Combine mayo, sour cream and horseradish. Spread over both sides of rolls. Divide filling among 4 rolls, sprinkle with cheese and replace top half of bun. Place on prepared baking sheet; bake 5 mins. Slice in half. ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCH-EN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

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> vijcooklive Thursday at 6 p.m. ET for Canada's first live online cooking show.

Anchovies move past pizza duties to star in a sandwich

- **1.** Heat the oven to broil. Set a wire rack over a rimmed baking sheet. Coat the rack with cooking spray.
- **2.** In a large bowl, whisk together the olive oil and vinegar. Add the arugula, then

use your hands to toss well, ensuring all of the arugula is coated with the dressing. Season with salt and pepper, then set aside.

3. In bowl mix ricotta, thyme and lemon juice. Set aside.

4. Slice each tomato into 6 thin slices. Arrange the slices on the prepared wire rack, then season them with salt and pepper. Set them on the oven's centre rack and broil until lightly browned, about 4 to 6 minutes.

5. Meanwhile, cut the baguette into two 6-inch lengths, then slice each one in half lengthwise. Place in the oven, cut side up, and toast for just a minute or two, just long enough to warm and lightly brown.

> **6.** When bread and tomatoes are done, top each piece of baguette with a quarter of the ricotta, then arrange 3 tomato slices over each. Top each with a quarter of arugula and 3 anchovies. Eat immediately. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

- 1 tbsp extra-virgin olive
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 2 cups arugula
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- 1 cup ricotta cheese
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh thyme
- Juice of 1/2 lemon2 large slicing tomatoes
- 12-inch baguette
- 12 oil-packed anchovies

Lunch. Turkey Club with Avocado Aioli



This zesty twist on the classic Turkey Club sandwich is a flavourful, healthier option that is sure to tantalize your taste buds and keep you

1. Avocado Aioli: purée avocado, garlic, lime juice, horseradish and hot sauce with either a food processor or mortar and pestle. Set aside.

2. Turkey club: Spread aioli over one side of each slice of toast. Top 2 slices of toast with bacon, turkey, tomato slices, 2 pieces of lettuce and remaining slices of toast to form sandwiches. NEWS CANADA/ NATURALLYDEMPSTERS.CA

Ingredients

Avocado Aioli

- 1 avocado, seeded and
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) lime juice
- 1 tsp (5 ml) horseradish
- Dash hot sauce

Turkey club

- 4 slices Dempster's Smooth Multigrains Bread, toasted
- 4 slices turkey bacon, cooked
- 1 (175 g) package Natural Selections Shaved Roasted Turkev
- 1 tomato, sliced
- 4 lettuce leaves



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Many a meet-and-greet.

Tackling the tech job interview takes time



You got an interview. Con-

It's likely you searched for jobs on websites, leveraged your network and wowed a recruiter with your resumé and cover letter. But you're not done selling yourself just yet.

University of Waterloo career advisor Tanya Gillert says tech graduates can expect to be screened by an in-house recruiter or a member of the company's HR department before one or two technical phone screens and up to four on-site interviews with the em-

"In an interview, recruiters are determining if they like you, if you know your stuff and if you are passionate about your field and specialty," she says. "Employers want to know if an applicant is adaptable, flexible and productive.'

Here's a list of Gillert's top tips on how to ace the technology job interview and get the

Know the employer

Research the company's structure, history and mission. Learn about what the company sells, the clients they target and how they compete in their industry. Find out what motivates management and employees.

How can you tell an interviewer that you'll fit in seamlessly with the company's culture if you know nothing

Do your research

How can you tell an interviewer that you'll fit in seamlessly with the company's culture if you know nothing about them?

Tanya Gillert

Know the position

Employers will list the skills, knowledge and qualifications they expect someone they hire to possess. Read the job listing and show them that you meet their requirements, Gillert says.

You can expect technical questions to be tailored to the role. Be prepared to write code, talk about code and find any errors in code quickly.

Know yourself

Know your strengths and weaknesses. Practise coding and solving problems in front of people. Be prepared to answer the types of questions Gillert says technology students can expect to be asked, including:

- coding and common algorithms
- · design and redesign
- puzzles and brain teasers
- number theory

Practice how to solve these types of problems and if you don't know something, learn it.

CHRISTINA PELLEGRINI FOR TALENTEGG.CA

Looking for a job? Lose the white socks

Suit yourself!

Formal interview attire is preferred by onethird of CIOs

HOSKIN

When it comes to information technology interviews, interviewees can never be too for-

Students and recent grads looking to become IT professionals may want to trade in their casual interview attire for something more suitable: a suit. The statistics don't lie; in a recent Robert Half Technology survey, 33 per cent of CIOs said a suit was the most appropriate attire for someone interviewing for an IT job. Additionally, 29 per cent favoured tailored separates, while another 29 per cent prefer khakis and collared shirts.

It takes only a few seconds to form a first impression, and for a short interview, those seconds may make or break your chances of being hired.

Here are a few technology job interview attire guidelines:

Be comfortable

You want to be as confident and comfy as possible! If you are physically uncomfortable, this will show in your behaviour during the interview. Women, this means saving those stilettos for the club, not the office.

Don't overlook the small things

Make sure your shoes match



Mama knows...

Ensure you are wrinkle and stain-free, well aroomed and clean. If you are unsure. ask a professional ... or your mom.

Olivia Hoskin

your belt (or purse), and never, ever wear white socks! Ensure you are wrinkle and stain-free, well groomed and clean. If you are unsure, ask a professional ... or your mom.

Everything in moderation

Choose one "thing" that interviewers can remember you by, like a bow in your hair or a uniquely-coloured dress shirt, but ultimately, the interview is about your qualities and skills, not your fashion sense. Remember to avoid overwhelming perfumes/colognes, excessive or inappropriately-coloured makeup and distracting jewelry.

Shut it off!

This is an obvious step that if forgotten, is often an immediate deal-breaker. Skip the silent setting and turn your phone off when you have interviews. Be present and distraction free.

Webcam interviews are still interviews

To ensure that you are distraction-free for webcam interviews, book a study room at school for an hour or two. This ensures a quiet and distractionfree zone. If you do not have access to a private room, just be sure to dress professionally from head to toe.

As a student or recent grad, how does one go about purchasing such expensive interview accessories?

- Personally, as a student, I am on a tight budget when it comes to pretty much everything. Due to this I have had to search far and wide to find interview clothing at reasonable prices. Some popular methods include outlet stores, coupons and customer reward programs, shopping during the off-season and hitting up thrift stores.
- Of these suggestions, my favourites are shopping the off-season and thrifting. End of season sales are excellent for discovering cheap but new items that you can either save for the next year or wear immediately. Interviews in March are perfect because you can buy end-of-winter items and use them for a month before it gets too
- If you want even cheaper clothing you can visit liquidation sales or thrift stores. Some of my favourites include the Salvation Army, Talize and Value Village.

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A little Yelp goes a long way

Silicon success story.

A U of T grad talks about hard skills, learning outside of the classroom and the importance of failure

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For those aspiring to work in the technology industry, working in Silicon Valley is a

Brad Menezes, who graduated from the University of Toronto's mechanical engineering program in 2012, was once one such aspirant.

Today, he's working for the uber-popular website, Yelp. How did he manage it?

What's your role at Yelp and how did you get there?

I'm a product manager. I got to Yelp in the most roundabout way possible. Got an intro to the recruiter. Two phone interviews. One design test. Five in-person inter-

If I had known then...

The three things Brad Menezes always wished someone had told him when he was in school:

- Develop hard skills, there is no substitute. Again that's engineering, design, product. This goes far beyond what you're learning in school. Start building things yourself and start hanging out with people who are better than you in these aspects.
- Get some experience in the Valley as early as possible. Facebook, Google, Twitter, Zynga, LinkedIn, Pinterest, Evernote, Netflix, Dropbox, Airbnb, Square, Yelp and so many others are unbelievable places to be right now. Each have some of the smartest people you can ever work with and nothing beats that when you're early in your career.
- Don't be afraid of failure and do not settle. Disregard anyone who tries to tell you that you're not qualified or capable. If you hit some bumps in the road along the way, don't sweat, just keep aoina.



views, including one with the

All interviews went well, but I still got rejected.

They said they'd never

hired a new graduate as a product manager and it was risky.

I convinced them to place a bet on me and let me intern instead. While interning, they promoted me to a full-time

So in short, it took a little perseverance and a lot of luck.

What have your top three life experiences been, and how can you relate those experiences to your career?

I'll give you one experience that repeated in many forms throughout the past years: failure.

I brought on a team for Nspire - a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering the next generation of leaders in business and technology and a bunch of people quit. I went to a bunch of interviews to become a PM, got rejected from all of them. I had a startup, it tanked.

This is very important because after a while you can look back and realize that the missteps or mistakes were all necessary to move forward. Whenever you try to push your limits really hard, this will happen. But I figure it's better to push your limits than to remain within your comfort zone.

Looking back, one could say that it was a very clear path that I took to get to

where I am today at Yelp, but going through it, I really had no idea where I would end up.

would you recommend for students to develop while in

tech industry, make sure the majority of your time is spent learning hard skills, primarily engineering, design, and/ or product. The best way to do this is to build something yourself or with friends. Soft skills are very important in certain roles (project management being one of them), but there is still no substitute for good hard skills.

Design, engineering and product skills will give you extremely high leverage as finding people who really excel at this is not common. If you can really hone your skills in one or more of these areas, you can be damn successful in tech.

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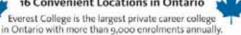
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Ottawa Senators goalie Robin Lehner makes a save on a shot by Kyle Okposo of the New York Islanders in Uniondale, N.Y., on Sunday. Lehner and Ben Bishop have filled in admirably in place of injured No. 1 goalie Craig Anderson. PAUL J. BERESWILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sens find some good among bad and ugly



THE HOCKEY NEWS Murray Pam ottawa@metronews.ca

My how time flies in a short season. Wednesday evening marks the mid-point of the Senators' campaign, and in six-plus weeks the club's fans have ridden a roller-coaster of emotions. With apologies to Clint Eastwood, let's review the Ugly, Bad and Good.

THE UGLY

It starts and ends with Erik Karlsson's devastating Achilles injury. The 22-year-old was in Norris Trophy form when he was felled by a swoop of Matt Cooke's skate. Karlsson is one of the league's few players who has an innate ability to control the flow of a game. His six goals, not coincidentally, still lead the

The head

Cracks have become apparent in the nine games Karlsson has missed. The once-vaunted power play has been punchless, going 4-for-28, dropping 10 notches in NHL rankings to 18.

club.

THE BAD

At first, the Senators were able to withstand the loss of No. 1 centre Jason Spezza and others. However, cracks have become apparent in the nine games Karlsson has missed. The once-vaunted power play has been punchless, going 4-for-28, dropping 10 notches in NHL rankings to 18.

Goal-scoring is at an all-time low. The Senators are averaging 2.13 goals per game, the worst mark in team history. Kyle Turris has not found the net in 19 games and Zack Smith has yet to score. Remarkably, Jim O'Brien leads all Senators forwards with five goals.

Another sore point is an inability to win on the road. The club has won only three of 11 in enemy territory. Their poor record can be attributed directly to scoring first in only one of these games.

THE GOOD

With all the bad, one may get the impression that the Senators are a disaster. But

that's far from the truth. They are holding their own in the Eastern Conference, playing at a .609 clip, an increase of .048 over last season.

Coaches say that a team's best penalty killer is its goal-tender. That being said, the league's second-ranked penalty kill is led by netminder Craig Anderson. The Vezina candidate tops the NHL with a .952 save percentage while possessing a minuscule 1.49 goals-against average. With Anderson nursing an ankle sprain of late, Ben Bishop and Robin Lehner have been stellar.

The Senators are hoping this week's return by Milan Michalek may help them cure their scoring woes. Until then, the club will have to rely on their goalies to continue providing awardwinning performances.

Soccer

CSA will no longer sanction CSL

The Canadian Soccer Association has removed its seal of approval from the Canadian Soccer League, a largely Ontario-centred semi-pro league with long-standing soccer roots.

The CSA, the national governing body of soccer, says it is going ahead with the regional-soccer-league blueprint recommended in a recent report. And it has opted not to continue sanctioning the CSL because it wants to move ahead with the next stage of its plan with a clean slate.

"If somebody else came to us and said, 'Hey we want to run a semi-pro league,' we're not going to sanction them either," CSA president Victor Montagliani said in an interview Tuesday.

The CSL calls the decision unfair and says it will fight the move. And it says it is baffled by the decision since it is essentially a regional league already in place. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

Panthers' Weiss out for season

Stephen Weiss may have played his final game with the Florida Panthers, with the team revealing on Tuesday that the veteran forward is expected to have season-ending wrist surgery.

Weiss will have the surgery next week, said Panthers general manager Dale Tallon.

Weiss will be a free agent after the season, meaning his 11-year run with Florida could be over. Weiss had only one goal and three assists in 17 games this season, clearly labouring at times.

"We saw a different player in the past," Panthers coach Kevin Dineen said. "It obviously affected his game. It's a loss for us."

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time to shine at WBC **Baseball.** Phillies prospect receiving high praise from fellow

Ask the Toronto Blue Jays' Brett Lawrie who he thinks Canada's breakout player will be at the World Baseball Classic and he'll say it's Tyson Gillies.

Canadian Lawrie

Gillies is set to bat leadoff for Canada, giving the 24-yearold Philadelphia Phillies prospect a spotlight Lawrie said is overdue.

"I really think that Tyson Gillies hasn't had an opportunity in the big leagues yet but I feel like he's a player that has a lot to contribute to the game," said Lawrie, who played with Gillies on the Langley Blaze youth team and on the national junior team. "He flies, he's got a great arm, he puts the ball in play, he runs, he steals, he does

Gillies earned his spot at the WBC after helping Canada advance in qualifying in September. But working up through the Phillies' minor-league system has been difficult for the Vancouver native.

Gillies will have his

The six-foot-two, 205-pound centre-fielder hit .304 with four home runs, 24 RBIs and 59 runs in 68 games with Reading last season, but was sidelined for nearly seven weeks with a concussion while continuing to endure a recurring hamstring injury.

Gillies played just three games in 2011 with a sprained left hamstring and a foot injury. But he said the hamstring feels good now thanks to a new stretching program, and he's learning when to tone down the intense game that sometimes gets him into trouble.

'Me, I like to go 100 miles an hour everywhere every day, and playing 140-plus games is

kind of hard to do that," said Gillies. "So I got to be able to learn how to pick my spots and know when I can go full bore, and know when, 'Look, I don't need to (play hard) right here because there's nothing going on in the play."

Getting to the majors has proved to be difficult for Gillies.

In 2010 he was arrested for cocaine possession in Clearwater, Fla., but the charges were dropped when the Florida State attorney's office decided there wasn't enough evidence to pursue the case. Then last year, Gillies was suspended after a confrontation with a team bus driver.

Gillies, who bounded onto the outfield at Canada's camp with a grin on his face, is trying to move on from that.

"If you know me, like I'm going to keep working, if I have failure I'm going to keep working, if I have success I'm going to keep working," he said. "So

R.J. Swindle has been added to Canada's World Baseball Classic roster, taking the spot of injured reliever Jesse Crain.

- The 29-year-old lefthanded reliever from Vancouver appeared in 13 games with triple-A Memphis last season with a 4.76 earned-run average.
- Currently a free agent, Swindle's major-league career has been brief, with just three games played for Philadelphia in 2008 and six more with Milwaukee in '09.

I'm just going to go out there, not to put too much pressure on myself and hopefully have some success my way too.' THE CANADIAN PRESS

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NBA

OKC's Ibaka fined for below-the-belt hit on L.A.'s Griffin

Oklahoma City forward Serge Ibaka was fined \$25,000 by the NBA on Tuesday for striking Blake Griffin of the Los Angeles Clippers in the groin area during Sunday's game. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Champions League

Ronaldo ends United's hopes of advancing

Cristiano Ronaldo made a devastating impact on his return to Manchester United, sending Real Madrid into the Champions League quarterfinals by clinching a 2-1 victory on Tuesday.
The forward completed

Madrid's comeback in the 69th minute to secure a 3-2 aggregate win.

Madrid seized control of the last-16 match with two goals in three minutes, with Ronaldo setting up Luka Modric in the 66th before getting on the score sheet himself. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PGA. McIlroy says he regrets walking off course

Rory McIlroy says he should have finished his second round at the Honda Classic, telling Sports Illustrated magazine that "it was not the right thing to do" to walk out after eight holes of his second

McIlroy was 7 over par for the round and headed toward another missed cut when he hit his second shot into the water on the 18th and abruptly withdrew without finishing the hole. On his way to the parking lot, he told reporters that his head was not in the right place. He later issued a statement that his wisdom tooth was causing pain.

"It was a reactive decision," McIlroy told the magazine in a telephone interview Sunday night. "What I should have done is take my drop, chip it on, try to make a 5 and play my hardest on the back nine, even if I shot 85. What I did was not good for the tournament, not good for the kids and the fans who were out there watching me. It was not the right thing to do."

The 23-year-old Northern Ireland said his lower wisdom teeth are growing sideways and he has been prescribed a painkiller, which he did not use Friday. Even so, he said it was frustration over his



Rory McIlroy walks off the course at the Honda Classic on Saturday in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. STUART FRANKLIN/GETTY IMAGES

swing that led to his leaving. McIlroy switched to Nike equipment late last year after

signing an endorsement contract said to be upward of \$20 million a year. The world's No. 1 player says his swing has been a bigger problem than the new clubs, and he was practising with swing coach Michael Bannon the afternoon that he withdrew.

He is playing the Cadillac Championship at Doral this week and is to speak to the media on Wednesday.

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Review. Volkswagen's drop-top has arrived in all its attention grabbing glory

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When Volkswagen introduced the Beetle hatchback for the 2012 model year, you had to suspect the convertible edition was hard on its heels.

Convertible Beetles have been around since 1949, when the first rear-engine, air-cooled Type 15 was launched. VW sold more than 330,000 of them worldwide over the next 32 years, then cranked out another 235,000 New Beetle Convertibles from 2003 until the 2010 model year when it was put out to pasture.

The third-generation Beetle (the "New" is gone) Convertible that goes on sale in mid-February maintains the tradition, but in a less-retro way. Visually, the body is slightly lower, but is now a substantial 8.5 centimetres wider and

Design

Volkswagen's designers have done as great a job fashioning the Beetle Convertible as they did with the hatchback and have even succeeded in creating a less miniscule trunk. Just make sure you pack only the essentials. To be fair, the split-folding rear seat lets you extend the stowage area when two or three passengers are aboard.

about 15 centimetres longer than the old New Beetle. That means significantly more leg and elbowroom, for both frontand rear-seat passengers. Front headroom is nearly as generous as before despite the lower profile, while rear-seat headroom actually increases slightly.

The Beetle Convertible benefits from a more rigid body architecture with 20 per cent more resistance to bending and twisting. This is helpful since convertibles don't have a roof structure to join the back

- Type, Two-door, frontwheel-drive convertible
- Engine (hp): 2.5-litre DOHC
- Transmissions. Six-speed
- Base price (incl. destination). \$30,300

Engine

Only a single powertrain is being offered in Beetle Convertibles sold in Canada: A 170-horsepower 2.5-litre five-cylinder. Our fortunate American cousins will also be able to select a turbocharged 200-horsepower 2.0-litre four-cylinder, or a 140-horsepower 2.0-litre

turbo-diesel.

Base Beetle Convertibles fall

under the Comfortline trim

name and include most power

and climate accouterments

plus a set of roll bars behind

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ine leather interior, sport buck-

et seats, push button start, 17-

inch wheels (16s are standard)

and fancier interior/exterior

The High-line adds a genu-

skin on hot summer days.

The soft top is triple lined on the outside and has three layers of insulation on the inside to minimize noise. Two electric motors raise and lower the top in 9.5 and 11 seconds, respectively, at vehicle speeds up to 50 km/h. The top no longer extends beyond the rear deck when folded, which makes for a much tidier appearance.

High-line models can also be enhanced with a 400-watt nine-speaker Fender audio system and navigation.

In content and usable space, the Beetle Convertible represents a giant leap forward. It's no longer a cutesy toy car, but should now resonate with performanceminded buyers who would prefer the option of bringing a few friends along to savour the open-air experience.



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Tour of (water truck) duty

Autoknow. If the machine guns don't get you pulled over ...

JEFF MELNYCHUK

Have you ever been pulled over?

"No, not even with the machine guns..."

This isn't your typical classic vehicle story. That is unless your notion of "typical" involves camouflage paint, plenty of noise and, well, plenty of "ugly" as Bill Hebb puts it.

Speaking in a firm and elevated pitch so as to be heard over the howl of the gearbox, the wind and the rolling tire tread, Hebb, for whatever reason, seems to be enjoying the jostling and even the heat wafting up from the Chevrolet six-cylinder engine mounted just inches away from the hula-hoop-size wooden steering wheel. It's a convection oven in here.

Part boxy mechanical bull-dog and part tool shed, many would consider this 1943 water-purification truck used in the Second World War to be a bit of a mutt, and certainly not as prominent or important as a Sherman battle tank or a P-51 Mustang fighter plane. However, you can't take one of those out for a leisurely cruise in/over the park on an overcast summer day like today, now can you.

No less significant, however, this water truck was one of thousands of support vehicles needed to keep allied troops advancing. Today, they're just as rare as any tank or fighter plane and just as rare is a person who takes pride in preserving them.

"There are not a whole lot of water-purification units around. I've only been able to find three so far," says Hebb.

Drinkable water is as significant as food, fuel and ammunition during a time of war, and water-purification trucks had a simple, but key duty to perform. Drive up to a river or pond, drop in a hose and start filling the 1,000-litre tank. The water courses through a filtration system, a little chlorine is added — not for flavour, but to kill bacteria — and, voila, drinkable water at the on board taps for the troops.

It's a slice of 1943, with the only thing added to the truck being detachable turn signals to keep it legal for the street



oday.

"Everything on this truck works."

But that's not much, really. There are no power accessories — of any kind — which means less to break down in the battlefield. There's nothing on it that isn't needed.

Hebb's enthusiasm for the vehicle is contagious, just as it would be if anyone else was talking about an old Thunderbird or a Corvette.

These cars were all over the streets of North America, so the affection is easy to understand. But what's the attraction to a water truck? After leaving the Canadian army about 25 years ago, Hebb picked up an old military Jeep, which he worked on and eventually sold for a "ridiculous amount of money." Other vehicles came and went as Hebb became somewhat of a guru of old military hardware. And when the water-purification truck came up for sale, it was an easy decision, sort of.

"I didn't really want the vehicle, but the price was right and after awhile it really grew on me."

Since then, the truck has come into its own as a fascinating piece of history, especially considering how rare it is. But that doesn't make tracking down details a simple task.

"Getting information is not easy."

And people dedicated to the preservation of military vehicles don't exactly grow on trees either, but they would appear to travel in pairs at least.
"I'm very lucky, because my

wife Lisa, she really does enjoy it. She drives this in parades," says Hebb. Where will it end?
"It's never your last one, it keeps growing and growing."

All in the details

- The inside consists of sharp metal corners and one wooden steering wheel — and that's it. It's been compared by some to driving a blender from the inside.
- When travelling in convoys in the dark, owner Bill Hebb says that a small light mounted about the rear differential gave the drivers following a point of reference.
- The truck is a fascinating example of minimalist practicality, from the mechanical shock absorbers to the popout front windows and the square roof hatch that helps the driver see over a crest in the road.









You can't really tell that this is water truck and that's exactly the point. According to owner Bill Hebb, without the canvas, the German military thought they were fuel trucks and began targeting them. "The canvas's sole purpose was camouflage."

 Undo the white lug nuts and you can take off the wheel. Undo the red lug nuts and the wheel separates so you can replace a tire in the field. Under no circumstances do you want to mix up the two.









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Find comfort in a no-nonsense Accord

Second Gear.

2008 to 2012 Honda Accord a solid ride, but watch out for brake wear

JUSTIN **PRITCHARD**

2008 marked the launch of the eighth generation Honda Accord, which had earned a very solid reputation for reliable operation, sensibility and long-term

Available in both coupe and sedan variants with several engine and transmission combinations, this generation Accord also offered features like heated leather voice-commanded seats, navigation, a sunroof, steering-wheel mounted controls, dual-zone climate control and plenty more.
Accord LX was the basic

model, while EX and EX-L or EX-L Navi represented midrange and top-line, respect-

Common Issues

Thousands of owners have complained of premature brake component wear, so feel for any pulsation and listen for any squealing during light to moderate brake application. Be sure to have the brakes inspected on any used Accord you're considering, or budget for brake job and service.

Oil consumption is anwell-documented issue with this generation of Honda Accord, and especially those with the V6 engine and automatic transmission. Every engine will "use" some oil between oil changes,



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but shoppers are advised to check the oil in the model they're considering (while the engine is cold) to ensure it's fresh and full.

Listen for a whine or hum from the power steering pump while you steer at a low speed, or while stopped. If any unusual noise is noted, it's likely caused by a faulty o-ring, which allows air to enter the system. This is a relatively easy fix.

Engine

Four-cylinder VTEC engines displaced 2.4 litres and generated 177 or 190 horsepower, depending on the model. The available 3.5 litre V6 offered 268 horsepower. Manual or automatic transmissions were available on all powerplants, depending on the model.

What owners like

On-board storage space, fuel economy and overall comfort were typically cited as key purchase factors by owners. Întuitive controls and a safe, solid road feel were also noted.

What owners dislike

Common complaints include cheap interior materials, uncomfortable and stiff seats, the lack of a manual mode on the automatic trans-

mission and bland

Verdict

Largely, it looks like the Accord is one of the most reliable, no-nonsense vehicles in today's used market. Buy confidently if the model you're considering shows none of the common issues and has a thumbs-up from a mechanic during a pre-purchase inspection.



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NSX: New Sport Experimental



Against the competition of the day, the NSX excelled at design, engineering and fit and finish. It was one of the first cars to be built almost entirely of aluminum.

Dream Car. 25 years apart, they're entirely different but share the same soul

JEFF MELNYCHUK wheelbasemedia.com

As a young and eager automotive writer back in early September of 1990, I wasn't really sure what to expect when I rolled into the Acura dealership to see the shiny red NSX.

There were basically no "performance" cars in 1990, other than the Dodge Stealth Turbo, Nissan 300ZX and of course the Corvette ZR-1 and the Viper. Think about those cars as you consider the visual shock of the NSX.

The thing I recall most was how low the roof was and how long the tail was. It was like the reverse of the Corvette's proportions. Of

course, that's because the engine was tucked in behind the driver, pushing the two-place cabin forward a whole bunch.

As low as it was, the NSX was easy to get into without the usual gymnastics required to crawl over the door sills of the Corvette. The interior was also very different in that the dash was low and away, the seats were tight, but comfortable, and the centre console swept down from the dashboard like a ski slope.

I had never seen anything like it, or driven anything like it. Most sporty cars in 1990 couldn't push past 5,000 revs per minute. The NSX's 270-horsepower V6 freely revved to 8,000, which was unheard of at the time. A V6? That had more horsepower than the Mustang and Camaro V8 engines? And to make it rev, the NSX was the first Honda/Acura production vehicle to use VTEC variable valve timing. It also



had titanium connecting rods (employed 15 years later in the Corvette Z06) to hold it together.

You can drive an NSX three seasons of the year, with the right tires of course, and as far as you want without fear of not making it home. It's a terrific highway car and while it lacks when compared to today's highperformance wonders, especially in straight-line acceleration, the NSX is still one of the most pleasing cars there is and represents fantastic value. It's a bit raw and noisy by today's standards and provides thrilling views from its virtually unobstructed forward glass area. And the howl of the engine once it hits 5,000 rpm will give you goose bumps. It's like driving an enclosed motorcycle.

Through the years, Acura hinted at a replacement and despite a couple of concept cars, just never delivered. It has been eight years since the last NSX and with Japan now firmly on the supercar map with vehicles such as the Lexus LFA it seemed like a replacement was no longer of any strategic importance to Acura.

Perhaps all that on-again, off-again, on-again, off-again talk over the years had everyone so indifferent about an NSX return that when the current concept car arrived a year ago there was just as much excitement as for the arrival of the first NSX more than 20 years ago. Maybe it had to do with the TV commercials a year ago that featured Jay Leno and Jerry Seinfeld, but the excitement is most definitely back, and what a difference 20 years has made (25 by the time it actually arrives, likely in

The new NSX will keep its engine-in-the-back layout and its two-person limit, but it will also be one of the first all-wheel-drive hybrid super-



cars. The gasoline engine will be a V6, likely in the 3.5-litre range, that will be used for cruising down the highway because to be a supercar, the new NSX will have to have something a lot more "super" in a world of twin-turbocharged V8s. The last NSX could run zero-to-60-mph (96 km-h) in 4.8 seconds. The current Nissan GT-R can do it in 2.9.

The new NSX will compete using electric motors at the front and rear to aid the Y6's acceleration. Performance details are non-existent as of this writing, but if the electric motors could add somewhere around 200 horsepower, the NSX will be in thick of things, likely competing with the likes of the Audi R8. Of course, in the two years it will take to get the NSX to market, the competition will also progress.

At the recent North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Mich., the NSX

prototype reappeared, this time with an actual interior (the NSX prototype introduced in early 2012 had no interior), one example of how the NSX could be fitted, Acura said. Wrapped in carbon fibre, leather and metal bits, it's truly a cut above current sports cars in its expected price range of about \$120,000-\$140,000.

All this to ask the very real question: is there really a point to the new NSX. Well, yes. Acura needs its halo car back as an example of what its technically capable of. And, quite frankly, seeing the new car, I get the same goose bumps I had back in 1990. It's just a matter of time before I find one that's a few years old to park beside my original '91. JEFF MELNYCHUK IS WHEELBASE MEDIA'S MANAGING EDITOR. HE CAN BE REACHED ON THE WEB AT WHEELBASE MEDIA.COM BY CLICKING THE CONTACT LINK. WHEELBASE SUPPLIES AUTO-MOTIVE NEWS AND FEATURES TO NEWS-PAPERS ACROSS NORTH AMERICA.





The Chevy SS: It's about time

Auto Pilot.

It's been a long, long time coming — 17 years ago was the last time Chevrolet released a rear drive V8 powered sedan in North America



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At last weekend's big NASCAR race in Daytona, Chevrolet officially unveiled its newest sedan, the 2013 Chevrolet SS.

When it arrives in dealerships at the end of the year, it will be the first time in 17 years that Chevrolet will offer a rear-drive V8-powered sedan in North America.

Hallelujah.

I guess I have a soft spot for Chevrolet rear-drive V8 sedans, because they were what my father drove during the 1970s, when I was a very impressionable and car-needy teenager. He taught me to drive in his 1971 Chevrolet Impala.

Good on Chevrolet for realizing that the brand needs to have at least one of these beasts in its catalogue.

People yearn for them, it's part of Chevrolet's heritage, and it corrects that strained NASCAR visual universe, where Chevrolet-based NASCAR teams have been covering their ferocious rear-drive V8 racecars with body shells based



on Impala stylings.

The Impala has been a neutered, front-drive V6 sedan since 2000.

No coincidence that the NASCAR Chevrolet SS race car also debuted at the Daytona race. And right on script, five-time series champion Jimmie Johnson, in the No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet SS, took home the checkered flag.

The Chevrolet SS also up-

holds the "SS" designation with pride and purpose. (The brand has traditionally reserved those letters to designate high-performance Chevys.)

The new SS will be motivated by essentially the same, newly-engineered 6.2-litre small-block V8 used in the 2013 Corvette — good for 415-hp and 415 lb-ft of torque. The only transmission is a six-speed

automatic with manual shifters mounted on the steering wheel. Rear-drive V8

sedans

From Oz

- The SS uses a derivative of the rear-drive platform under Camaro.
- The platform was initially developed by Holden, GM's subsidiary in Australia.
- Holden will build the SS in Australia, and ship them to us here in North America.
- But don't expect a lot of them to be built.

were once ubiquitous. Now they are premium pieces, which is the way they should be I guess.

Not too many of us need that much engine. But as we've seen time and time again, when it comes to automobile love, or any kind of love for that matter, need has nothing to do with it.

The heart wants what it wants

Not too many of us need that much engine. But as we've seen time and time again, when it come to automobile love, or any kind of love for that matter, need has nothing to do with it.





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Tickets don't stop teens from distracted driving

Driving Force. Safety biggest deterrent, while fines would only stop 7 per cent, poll finds

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Cars are safer today than they've ever been, but drivers aren't necessarily so. Car crashes are the number one cause of death among Canadian teenagers and recent statistics indicate that distracted driving is a factor in as many as 20 to 80 per cent of all collisions.

"We're targeting teens at anything to do with distracted driving," says Carmine Venditti, agency manager for Allstate Insurance Canada. "We list such things as eating, texting, speaking on the phone or putting on makeup while driving. These are things that are not keeping you focused on the road."

In a recent online poll, All-

state found that while 94 per cent of those responding said they were aware they could be charged for distracted driving, most of them cited safety as the main reason for staying off the phone and focusing on driving. Only seven per cent said that the threat of a ticket was the real deterrent.

Some 89 per cent of high school students polled, age 13 to 17, also said they would voice concern if they were riding in a vehicle and the driver was distracted.

"It's difficult to be age-specific, but we're seeing a lot more distracted driving at a younger age level," Venditti says. "The numbers drop somewhat as the age group gets older, but distracted driving is happening to adults too. What we saw was that the teenagers are bringing this over to their parents, and we're hearing, 'I see my dad doing this, and I tell him not to do it."

One problem, according to Venditti, is that younger drivers are usually more tech-savvy and

Distracted driving facts

Numerous studies show that it's the call, not the device, that diverts focus from driving. Both hand-held and hands-free phone calls contribute to more driving errors, slower reaction times and more collisions.

 Passengers aren't as distracting as phone calls, since they tend to stop talking in stressful situations.

for them, texting while they're doing something else isn't all that difficult.

"Multi-tasking is something that's easy for them, and they think they can text and drive," she says. "People say they won't do it, but it's difficult to know if they will. The legislation isn't scaring them, so we're hoping they'll understand the impact and the consequences on them and their families."



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Horoscopes

T Aries

March 21 - April 20

There is no point complaining if you are forced to do something against your will today because it won't make any difference. Anyway, why would you complain when it will work in your favour?

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You may be practical and methodical by nature but don't immerse yourself in details too deeply today or you may lose sight of the wider picture — a picture that looks brighter by the moment.

II Gemini May 22 - June 21

If you have ambitions to be someone important then this is clearly a make or break time. It won't just happen as if by magic, of course, but it will happen if you are determined to make it happen. Get busy.

9 Cancer

June 22 - July 23

A friend is opposing you only because they genuinely believe they are acting in your best interests. Inform them that you are the one who decides what your interests are, though be polite about it.

Ω Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Cut back on your workload over the next few days, even if it means you earn less than before. Don't worry that you won't be able to make ends meet. You should know by now that fate usually provides.

M Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

If there is a project that needs completing, now is the time to make that extra effort. If there is a relationship that needs rescuing, now is the time to kiss and make up.

△ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

It seems you are weighed down by domestic chores. Fortunately, beneficial events over the next two days will lighten your load and free up time for more enjoyable things. Love is in the air.

M Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Keep your plans under wraps so no one has the chance to steal your ideas. One of the most creative times of the year will begin quite soon, so it's OK to put your own needs first.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

If you allow your emotions to get the better of you today then squabbles are inevitable, but if you refuse to give in to negative emotions then you will sail through the day with ease. The choice is yours.

り Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Think before you speak today but don't hold back once you have decided what you want to say. Not everyone will be happy with your observations but what matters is that you call it as you see it.

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Resist the urge to splash out on things you don't really want or need. Impulse buying will deplete your resources faster than you thought possible, so let someone else hold the purse strings.

H Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

It's time to start something that delights you. It does not matter what your work or family responsibilities may be you must make time for what you enjoy.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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Yesterday's Sudoku

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Fill in the grid, so that every every 3x3 box contains the

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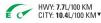




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